

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the subject application as amended herein. This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2007. Claims 1-3, 5-23, 25-38, 40-48, 50-54, 57 and 58 stand rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1, 8, 10, 21, 28, 29, 34, 37, 45 and 47 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Amendments to the above claims are supported by the specification. In particular, changes to claims 1, 21, 34 and 45 are supported by various portions of the specification, including but not limited to paragraphs [0069] through [0072] and Figure 5.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5-15, 18, 21-23, 25-29, 31, 34, 36-38, 40, 41, 45-48, 50, 57 and 58 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Li, et al., (U.S. Patent No. 6,012,088, hereinafter "Li").

Li discloses an Internet access device configurable at a customer site for communication with the Internet. Once configured, the customer has electronic mail and other access to the Internet from his local area network. The Internet access device initially connects to the Internet through an Internet service provider over a standard analog telephone line using a standard modem and using a dynamic IP address. Once automatically configured, the Internet access device may then communicate with the Internet using any suitable connection including an analog telephone line, or a higher-speed line such as an ISDN line or a frame relay circuit and is assigned a static IP address and a range of IP addresses for other devices on its local area network.

Contrary to the presently claimed invention, Li does not teach or suggest

validating configuration information pertaining to alert messages to be sent to various destinations via multiple notification methods, and storing the configuration information in a database that associates each destination with one or more notification methods for delivering alert messages. The Examiner asserts that an ISP database in Li is an equivalent of the database claimed in the present invention. Applicant respectfully disagrees. The ISP database in Li stores information for configuring an Internet access device of a specific customer, where this information includes parameters for Internet connection consisting of the type of connection, level of service, desired domain name, geographic location, and anticipated storage needed for a website. That is, the database in Li stores configuration information for Internet connection, and not configuration information pertaining to alert messages to be sent to various of destinations via multiple notification methods, as required by the presently claimed invention. Much less does the database in Li associate each destination with one or more notification methods for delivering alert messages, as required by the presently claimed invention. Thus, Li does not teach or suggest at least the features of the present invention that are included in the following language of claim1:

- validating configuration information pertaining to alert messages to be sent to a plurality of destinations via a plurality of notification methods, the configuration information being specified by a user;
- storing the configuration information in a database, wherein the database associates each of the plurality of destinations with one or more of the plurality of notification methods;
- extracting at least a subset of the configuration information from the database based on an extraction parameter identifying one of a plurality of business sites; and
- generating a text-based configuration file containing the extracted configuration information.

Similar language is included in independent claims 21, 34 and 45. Thus, the

present invention as claimed in independent claims 1, 21, 34 and 45, and their corresponding dependent claims, is not anticipated by Li.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Li, as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Elliott, (U.S. Patent No. 7,145,898, hereinafter “Elliott”). Claims 17, 30, 43 and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Li, as applied to claims 1, 21 and 34 above, and further in view of Lewish, et al., (U.S. Patent No. 6,266,661, hereinafter “Lewish”). Claims 19, 32 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Li, as applied to claims 1, 21 and 34 above, and further in view of Anuff, et al., (U.S. Patent No. 6,327,628, hereinafter “Anuff”). Claims 20, 33, 44 and 54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Li, as applied to claims 1, 21 and 34 above, and further in view of Olsen, et al., (U.S. Patent No. 6,519,642, hereinafter “Olsen”). Claims 42, 51 and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Li, as applied to claims 34 and 40 above, and further in view of Huebsch, et al., (U.S. Patent No. 7,127,535, hereinafter “Huebsch”).

As discussed above, Li does not teach or suggest validating configuration information pertaining to alert messages to be sent to various destinations via multiple notification methods, and storing the configuration information in a database that associates each destination with one or more notification methods for delivering alert messages. These features are also missing from each of Elliott, Lewish, Anuff, Olsen, and Huebsch. Hence, the cited references, taken alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest the present invention as claimed in claims 1, 21, 34 and 45, and their

corresponding dependent claims including claims 16, 17, 19, 20, 30, 32-35, 40, 42-44, and 51-54.

Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102(b) and 103(a), and submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

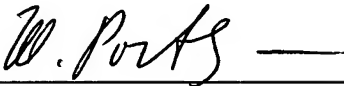
If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Marina Portnova at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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